

Weather Forecast
Partly cloudy tonight and Fri-
day. Moderate to fresh southeast
and south winds.

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Good Evening
Cultivate not only the cornfields
of your mind, but the pleasure
grounds also.—R. Whately.

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CONGRESS HEARS PRESIDENT GIVE ANNUAL MESSAGE

Speeches on Matters of
Conference With
Governors

PROHIBITION NOT LIKELY TO BE REPEALED HE SAYS

(By Associated Press)
Washington, Dec. 8.—President
Harding in his annual message to
congress stated in person today that
his purpose was to invite the gov-
ernors of all states and territories to
an early conference with the federal
authorities, with a view of
definite policies regarding
prohibition and state co-operation for
administration of the prohibition
law. President Harding told con-
gress that the day was unlikely to
be when the prohibition amend-
ment would be repealed, and said
the nation should adopt its
policy accordingly.

He said that the transportation
board be abolished, and
there be substituted a labor di-
vision of the interstate commerce
commission, and asked co-ordination
of transportation facilities. He
asked a more extended credit for
farmers, and urged a constitu-
tional amendment giving congress
power over child labor, and the
amendment of legislation providing
for the abolition of slavery.

(By Associated Press)
Washington, Dec. 8.—Indications
are that the white house today were
that President Harding would probably
repeal his annual message to con-
gress in joint session before night-
fall. The executive was said to
be about completed work on the
message, and it was believed only a
few days in its being—printed would
be to postpone its delivery.

Precedent was broken when the
message failed to deliver the mes-
sage last Tuesday, as the custom
has been for the executives to ad-
dress congress "on the state of the
union" on either the first or second
of its convening in session.
The message of public business
understood to be in part respon-
sible for the delay but it was said
that the president would deliver the
message on either Thursday or Friday
of this week.

Indication of the contents of
the message has been given.

Bits of Local
News
Gossip

Thursday, December 7, to
Mrs. I. MisKovich, 517
Hawkins street, a daughter.

N. MisKovich, of St. Au-
gustine, is the guest of her sister,
Mrs. MisKovich, of 517 Hawkins

There have been issued from the
county today a total of
licenses. Two of these
licenses for residents living out-
side the state, and 35 were non-resi-
dents.

pulling power of proper pub-
lic was evidenced this morning
the House of Rowton had its
locked until the stroke of ten.
hour had been advertised a
sale of baskets—and there
was a grand rush from women and
who had assembled before the
awaiting the bargains.

Special arrangements the pa-
rents of the Shriners this evening
extended only from the Masonic
Lodge to Fifth street,
point the body will board
automobiles and go di-
rectly to the fairgrounds. This in-
formation is given for the benefit

Condensed News for Busy People

A Summary of the Day's News

Washington — Consolidation
of the Atlantic and Pacific fleets
in the United States fleet with
Admiral H. B. Jones in command,
was announced by the navy de-
partment.

Shanghai — C. O. Forsberg,
American missionary captured by
Chinese bandits, has been re-
leased, it was reported.

Essen — France has made 1-
200,000,000 francs profit on the
coal delivered by Germany on the
reparations account. Dr. Klaus
Scholl, of Essen, asserted after
an investigation.

Philadelphia — The federal
grand jury absolved the authori-
ties of the United States Veter-
an hospital of responsibility in
connection with the death in 1921
of Altonse Swartz, shell-shocked
soldier.

Paris — France granted the
Canadian government perpetual
use of several acres on Vimy
ridge as a site for monuments to
Canadian soldiers who died in the
attack on the Eminence.

Denver — Ralph G. Moses, one
of the organizers of the Ameri-
can Federation of Labor, died.
Buenos Aires — Lieutenant
Walter Hinton arrived with his
seaplane at Braganca, one hun-
dred miles northeast of Para,
Brazil.

Los Angeles — Mrs. Madalyne
C. Obenchain, of Evanston, Ill.,
recently released from jail, is
suffering from a nervous break-
down, it was said.

New York — Railroad car
loadings in September, October
and November, broke all records,
with a total of 12,561,136 cars, it
was announced.

London — New Zealand gave a
large vote against prohibition in
the recent election, it was re-
ported here.

New York — Thumb prints of
Leonardi Da Vinci will figure in
a suit of \$500,000 damages
brought by Mme. Andre Kahn,
against a person who she alleged
spoiled the chance of selling a
painting to the Kansas City Art
institute.

Christmas clubs throughout the
country will receive \$190,000-
000 before December 10, it was
announced.

Mexico City — It was reported
from Guatemala City that the
British minister of Guatemala
has been recalled on charges of
having mixed in politics.

Madrid — Government intends
to dissolve the Cortez, the Span-
ish parliament, it was announced.

Columbus, Ohio — The Colum-
bus American Association club
has sold Joe Shannon, outfielder,
to Memphis of the Southern as-
sociation, it was learned.

Newark, N. J. — Frank Gena-
ro, bantamweight, and his man-
ager, Joe Bernstein, were sus-
pended for failure to meet Pan-
cho Villa December 11.

Milwaukee, Wis. — Joe Lynch,
champion bantamweight, won a
decision over Joey Sanger, Mil-
waukee. Sanger is a feather-
featherweight.

Knights Templar Select Officers for the Coming Year

The annual election of officers for
Palatka commandery No. 5, Knights
Templar, was held Thursday even-
ing and the following were elected
to serve for 1923:

R. R. Wilkinson—Eminent Com-
mander.
J. H. Randolph—Generalissimo.
G. F. Armstrong—Captain Gen-
eral.

of those who may desire to see the
parade—in order that they may seek
available locations.

When the baseball season shall
open the fans will be pleased at
some of the improvements that have
been added to the local grounds.
There has been considerable gravel
spread about where it was most nec-
essary, and the leveling up has been
done to the best advantage so far as
the funds would allow. There is
still needed more work to make the
grounds as perfect as desired.

REBELS EXECUTED THIS MORNING IN MOUNTJOY PRISON

Sentence Was Reprisal
for Assassination of
Deputy

(By Associated Press)
Dublin, Dec. 8.—Rory O'Connor,
and Liam Mellowes, together with
two other Irish rebels, were executed
in Mount Joy prison this morning,
it was officially announced. The
other two men executed were named
Cooney and Barrett, both prominent
republicans.

Rory O'Connor and Liam Mellowes
were leaders of the band of Irish
insurgents that held the four courts
building in Dublin in its stand
against the free state troops last
June. Each was taken prisoner
when the building was captured after
a three day siege.

An official army report states
that the four men were executed as
a special reprisal for the assassina-
tion of Sean Hales, the deputy shot
yesterday, and as a solemn warning
to those associated with them "in
the conspiracy of assassination
against the representatives of the
Irish people."

(By Associated Press)
London, Dec. 8.—The Dublin cor-
respondent of The Evening Standard
reports that a party of men entered
Mercer's hospital and shot one free
state soldier lying in one of the beds,
in reprisal for the execution of Rory
O'Connor and Liam Mellowes.

PROPOSED MERGER OF PACKING FIRMS GETS A PUNCTURE

Armour Says Too Much,
Asserts One Big
Packer

(By Associated Press)
Chicago, Dec. 8.—An unexpected
turn in the discussed merger of the
two large packing firms, Morris &
Co. and Armour & Co., became known
today when a signed statement issued
by the former firm as made public.
It was over the signature of Nelson
Morris, chairman of the board of di-
rectors, and Edward Morris, presi-
dent of the company.

The statement indicated that J.
Ogden Armour, of Armour & Co., in
visits to Washington and conferences
with officials of the government on
the proposed merger, has not taken
officials of Morris & Co. into his con-
fidence. At least part of Morris &
Co. officials' knowledge of his ac-
tions, as indicated by the statement,
was obtained from newspaper re-
ports.

The Morris & Co. statement read:
"We note by Thursday's papers
that Mr. Armour has advised Presi-
dent Harding that we are anxious to
be out of the packing business."

"This is news to us.
"While we realized that Mr. Ar-
mour is very anxious to acquire our
business and our organization, up to
the present time we have not put any
price on same, and he has not made
us an offer."

"Even if Mr. Armour should pur-
chase our business it would not mean
that we would long remain out of the
packing business."
It was said in some quarters, fol-
lowing the issuance of the statement,
that it was indicated, although the
Morris & Co. holdings might be ac-
quired by Armour & Co., the former
firm would not forsake the packing
business for any length of time.

W. C. Allen—Senior Warden.
D. Y. Rosborough—Junior War-
den.

J. F. Savell—Prelate.
J. Emmett Brown—Recorder.
E. P. Ross—Treasurer.
Eminent Commander elect post-
poned the appointment of the bal-
ance of the officers until the next
regular convocation.

LIGHTNING FLASH SETS OIL ABLAZE IN ARKANSAS FIELD

Nearly Half a Million
Barrels of Oil Are
Consumed

(By Associated Press)
El Dorado, Ark., Dec. 8.—Fire
which last night threatened the en-
tire Smackover Oil field, when
lightning ignited an oil pit of the
North American Oil Company, and
later spread to five pits containing
approximately 400,000 barrels of oil,
was still burning early today, al-
though officials of the company ex-
pressed the belief that with contin-
ued wet weather, the blaze would be
confined to a comparatively small
area. Oil workers attempted to sy-
phon the oil out of the burning area
but were handicapped by lack of con-
tainers.
Officials estimated the loss at
\$200,000.

FOLLOWING TRAIL OF NEGRO SUSPECT IN PERRY MURDER

Officers Arrest Negro
Who Was With Man
Wanted

(By Associated Press)
Valdosta, Ga., Dec. 8.—With one
suspect, Arthur Young, 30, a negro
in custody, a posse headed by Sheriff
Lipscombe, of Florida, is believed to
have surrounded near here Charlie
Wright, another negro, both being
wanted for murder in connection with
the slaying of Miss Ruby Hendry, a
school teacher, at Perry, Fla., last
Saturday.

Young, who is said to be an es-
caped convict, was captured last
night and brought to the county jail
here, but a midnight was removed to
another jail for safekeeping. Offi-
cers who took part in the capture,
say that Young confessed to being in
Perry, Fla., with Wright, last Sat-
urday. The posse on Wright's trail
are near Kindalou, Ga., seven miles
west of here.

NEGRO ARRESTED ON CHARGE OF BURGLARY

A negro giving the name of
Charles Burch, is in the county jail
charged with burglarizing the home
of another negro a Tomona. It is
alleged that he stole clothing and
suitcase, as well as a gold watch.
Burch was arrested at Keyville, Vol-
usia county, and Sheriff Hagan sent
one of his deputies to return Burch
to the jail in Putnam county. He will
have his preliminary hearing today.

ENGINEER BIRD TO BE TAKEN ON RIVER TRIP

Assistant United States Engineer
P. B. Bird, of the Jacksonville dis-
trict, will be taken for a trip of in-
spection on the St. Johns tomorrow
beginning at noon. The trip will be
made on Noah Tilghman's boat, the
Etowah, and will leave the foot of
Lemon street at 12 o'clock.

OFFICERS BELIEVED THEY HAD MURDERER

(By Associated Press)
Phoenix, Arizona, Dec. 8.—A man
and woman who arrived here in an
airplane late yesterday, and who
were investigated in the belief that
the woman was Mrs. Clara Phillips,
the escaped Los Angeles murderer,
have satisfied the office of the sher-
iff as to their identity as tourists, is
announced.

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DAYS TO
CHRISTMAS

SHIPPING
YOUR
HOLIDAY
GOODS

LARGE ATTENDANCE AT FAIR THURSDAY BROKE THE RECORD

Orderly Crowds Throng
Every Portion of the
Grounds

Thursday afternoon and evening
saw the largest crowd at the fair-
grounds that has yet passed through
the gates. The ticket office was
swamped with business, even though
there were the large number of sea-
son tickets used, and the gate-ends
were constantly on the alert.

The showing of poultry was still a
great attraction for the many—even
those not experts in that line being
interested. The many magnificent
birds shown under the best of care
in that exhibit appear to appreciate
the many compliments that are
showered upon them, and stand the
more alert and the prouder. Above
all the shouts of "Hot dogs!" and
"Popcorn!" may be heard the loud
and raucous notes of the prize-win-
ning cocks and cockerels, and the
softer chuckle of the "female of the
species."

A most interesting and unique di-
version was given last evening from
the booth of the Spencer Electric
company, when there was "picked
up" from Pittsburg, Pa., and from
the St. Louis Post-Dispatch two fine
concerts of vocal and instrumental
music. In place of using the loud
speaker on the instrument, as is cus-
tomary in rooms and small halls, the
demonstrators attached the power
amplifier, and the result was most
satisfactory. The concert attracted
a crowded house, and during its con-
tinuation the entire building was pay-
ing attention to the Spencer Electric
company.

This afternoon is to be devoted to
the fairgrounds to the colored school
children from Palatka and all sec-
tions of the county, and there is to
be made no charge for admission.

This evening will be "the big
night," if the plans of the Shriners
be carried out as contemplated. The
entire body will march from the
hall in the city's center, headed by
the Johnny J. Jones band, direct to
the fairgrounds. Following that
event it is said that there will be
something doing all the time. Hot dog
specialist are already calling for re-
lief.

Tomorrow afternoon will be the
free day for all the white school
children in the city and county, and
an urgent invitation is given that
there shall be a large attendance.

And at midnight Saturday the cur-
tain will fall on a most successful in-
ititial venture of the Putnam County
Fair!

Now for the final day of what has
been a fine exposition.

The Pythian Sisters have been
very fortunate with their booth at the
fair, and have been enjoying a nice
trade.

Local men and women have labored
more steadily in conducting booths at
the fair grounds during this week
than they ever worked before.

Notes of the Fair.

One of the booths that is receiving
a nice patronage is that conducted
by the women of the Methodist
church. They are handling "good
eats" and the patrons appear to ap-
preciate the service rendered.

Mrs. S. C. Stallings, of the Wom-
an's club booth, was absent from her
post on Thursday, being called to at-
tend the conference regarding the
elimination of the mosquito from the
east coast of the state. The meeting
was held at Daytona.

The booth that has been conducted
by the Girl Scouts has been doing a
fine business during the fair, and the
workers feel confident that their
treasury will show a marked increase
from the work that they have been
doing.

The hot dog stand that is being
conducted by Band Leader Shearouse
for the benefit of the Palatka band
has received a splendid patronage
from the opening day. The band feels
very appreciative of the help that has
been extended in this financial way.

All through the week there has
been a gang of workmen busy in try-
ing to better the road leading to the
fairgrounds. Hundreds of loads of
sawdust and bark have been spread
the full width of the highway, and
every effort has been made to bring

Timothy Healy Enemy of Nation, Says Manifesto

(By Associated Press)
London, Dec. 8.—The Irishrepub-
licans, says a dispatch to The Eve-
ning Standard from Dublin, have is-
sued a manifesto describing Timothy
Healy, the governor general, as a
life-long enemy of the nation. The
manifesto adds:
"The fight will go on as long as
there is a man in Ireland. It is war
to the death."

DRIVER KILLED AT STEERING WHEEL; COMPANION DYING

Shot at While in Auto.
Clerk Arrested on
Suspicion

(By Associated Press)
Macon, Ga., Dec. 8.—While rela-
tives of Paul Funderburk, of Rome,
Ga., were enroute to this city early
today to take charge of his body, prepar-
ing for his being made to empanel a
coroner's jury to investigate the
shooting which proved fatal for the
North Georgian and inflicting se-
rious wounds on Miss Olene Courson
in front of the latter's home here
last night. N. D. Woods, a clerk in
a local department store, is now in
jail awaiting action by the coroner.

With a bullet wound in her abdo-
men and another in her left arm,
Miss Courson, hospital authorities
say, had little chance for recovery
early today. Funderburk was killed
instantly, his body falling across the
steering wheel of his automobile, in
which he and Miss Courson are said
to have been riding.

Broke His Heart He Said; Then Shot to Kill

(By Associated Press)
Patterson, N. J., Dec. 8.—Respond-
ing to an anonymous telephone call
early today the police found the
body of Miss Evelyn Mabel Rain-
bow, a concert singer, in the base-
ment of her house. She had been
shot twice through the heart. Near-
by lay Harry Harter, who had for-
merly boarded at the Rainbow home
dangerously wounded. He had been
shot near the right temple and un-
der the heart. A not written appar-
ently after he had shot the girl said
that she had broken his heart.

BLUE LODGE SESSION

Worshipful Master W. A. Williams,
Jr., has called a special communica-
tion of Palatka lodge No. 34, F. &
A. M., for this evening at 8 o'clock,
at the Masonic temple. Work in the
fellowcraft degree will be put on, and
all brethren are requested to be pres-
ent.

HERRIN HORROR JURY

(By Associated Press)
Marion, Ill., Dec. 8.—The jury to
try the five men charged in connec-
tion with the Herrin mine killings
was completed at noon today.

about the needed improvement.

The familiar face of D. A. Arm-
strong has been missing from the
grounds for several days. His ab-
sence was necessitated by an attack
of illness which has confined him to
his home and bed. His condition is
not serious—but his absence has been
regretted. It also caused others of
his associates to do double duty.

W. G. Tilghman, upon receiving the
blue ribbon for his box of magnificent
strawberries, was among the happiest
of all persons within the fairgrounds.
His berries were very fine, and proved
to all who viewed them that there
were fine possibilities in this county
for growing them upon a commercial
basis.

The Hygeia coffee booth which has
been giving away vast quantities of
delicious coffee this week at the fair
is in charge of John W. Pyle, assist-
ed by George Eager and J. W. Ander-
son. All are visitors from Baltimore,
and have been covering the fairs of
the state. The Merryday Grocery
company handles the Hygeia goods.

DEFENSE ON STAND IN WOMAN'S CASE AGAINST GOVERNOR

Sensational Suit Now on
Its Third Day of
Trial

PLAINTIFF TELLS TALE

Miss Birkhead Admits
Receiving Money for
"Scoop"

(By Associated Press)
Oxford, Miss., Dec. 8.—With more
than a score of witnesses, including
Theo G. Bilbo, former governor of
Mississippi, yet to be heard from
the trial of \$100,000 damage suit
against Lee M. Russell, governor of
Mississippi, by Miss Frances C. Birk-
head, stenographer, entered its third
day session here today in the United
States district court.

The witnesses to be called are for
the defense, while additional testi-
mony in rebuttal is expected to be
presented by Miss Birkhead.

Resting its case by counsel for the
plaintiff, a lengthy wrangle over the
much discussed "Mary" letter, and
order by Judge E. R. Holmes, citing
Mr. Bilbo for contempt of court were
the important developments in the
case yesterday. The trial was start-
ed Wednesday following two days of
argument over a demurrer by the de-
fense, which was overruled. There
were no indications early today when
the trial would be brought to a close.

Governor Russell was called as the
first witness by the defense after op-
posing counsel had rested their case.
He was on the stand, under cross-ex-
amination when court adjourned for
the day.

The executive in answer to a ques-
tion as to whether he had authorized
some of his friends to effect a set-
tlement with Miss Birkhead, replied
with dramatic emphasis: "I never
authorized anyone to pay her a
dime," adding, as he looked where
Miss Birkhead sat with her counsel,
"It is a deliberate falsehood and she
knows it." Miss Birkhead had testi-
fied the governor told her that he had
authorized Theo G. Bilbo, former
governor of Mississippi, an done or
two other friends to make a settle-
ment with her.

Miss Birkhead, under cross-exami-
nation during most of the morning,
admitted that during the campaign
for the governorship in 1919 she in-
formed Oscar Johnston and Earl
Brewer, a former governor, both po-
litical opponents of the governor, of
the alleged wrongs, which form the
basis of her suit. She also admitted
receiving a monetary consideration
for information, by which one news-
paper was enabled to score a "scoop"
in printing her allegations first.

Both sides offered witnesses in an
effort to fix the authorship of the
"Mary" letter, handwriting compari-
sons being made particularly of the
letter "M" on the original letter, and
formation of the character by Mr.
Russell.

In order to expedite the case, Judge
Holmes' order issued yesterday ex-
tending court sessions until 6 o'clock
in the evening was expected to con-
tinue throughout the trial.

Purse Snatchers Held in \$500 Bonds to Circuit Court

Lester Tennant and D. Y. Glidden,
who are alleged to have stolen from
Mrs. Eugenia Belotte a purse con-
taining eight dollars, were heard in
the county court on Thursday and
were bound over to appear at the
March term of the circuit court in the
sum of \$500 each. They could not
perfect their bonds, and are still in
jail.

Mrs. Belotte and Mrs. Jane Fletch-
er were returning from the fair-
grounds on Wednesday when they
were approached by two young men,
the purse was grabbed from the arm
of Mrs. Belotte and an attempt was
made for a getaway. The culprits
were soon rounded up. Tennant is a
Putnam county native and is known
to the police, but little is known
of Glidden.